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Admiral Stansfield Turner  
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Dear Stan:

Just a note to offer my congratulations on your new appointment. To refresh your memory, we served together aboard the Hanson in 1952 and 1953, in Korea, and since that time I have remembered two of my shipmates, yourself and [redacted] with a great deal of fond recollection.

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I have wondered these many years your status, was so pleased to know that you did make Admiral. There was no question in my mind aboard the Hanson that you someday would be either CNO or Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. I hope that these positions will be open to you in the future.

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It was also interesting, that after all these years, on a recent trip to Hawaii, I was able to locate [redacted]

[redacted] It was very pleasurable discussing those days on the Hanson and we both are very proud of you. I also remember your advice regarding my rather tenuous relationship with [redacted] and want to again thank you.

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I am sure you are busy, therefore, I won't take any more of your time, Stan, but I did want you to know that there was no question at any time in my mind that as your career matured, you would be at the very top. I can assure you that I will be thinking of you and wishing you every bit of success in your new opportunity.

Warmest personal regards.

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Your old friend,